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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Gao et al. )  
Serial No.: 09/904,981 )  
Filing Date: July 12, 2001 )  
For: POLISHING APPARATUS AND )  
METHOD FOR FORMING AN )  
INTEGRATED CIRCUIT )

Examiner: Rose, R.

Art Unit: 3723

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AND RCE

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed December 1, 2004, and coincident with the RCE filed herewith, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above identified patent application. Please consider the following remarks for allowance of the above identified patent application.